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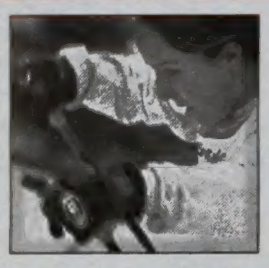

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Rolling in to town:
The train returned to the Haliburton station on Saturday when the Haliburton Model Railroaders hosted an open house at the Rails' End Gallery. Preston Roberts is too young to remember when a real train came to Haliburton, but he was fascinated by this smaller model. The open house continued on Sunday, providing one of the few entertainments on such a warm, wet winter day.

New safeguards will add to cost of hospital project

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Although Haliburton Hospital's 30-bed long-term unit has yet to open, it seems it is already behind the times.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board has realized there are no safeguards in the architect's plan to ensure that wandering patients cannot unwittingly leave the building.

Putting those safeguards in place after most of the construction has been completed is turning out to be a lot more expensive than if they had been incorporated into the plans from the beginning.

At Thursday's HHHS board meeting, the problem was highlighted in the discussion following a presentation by Michael Klejman, the Ministry of Health's regional director.

Klejman says that because there are more services which allow people to stay in their homes, their needs are much greater when they finally have to make the move into a long-term care facility. As a result, more than 50 percent of patients in long-term care facilities today have some form of dementia, such as Alzheimer's.

> "Restraint is the easiest way to deal with (a problem), but that's not acceptable."
>
> **Michael Klejman**

This trend will become more pronounced as the Baby Boom generation gets older. Today, 6.9 percent of Ontario's population is between the ages of 65 to 74. In 2021, it will be 10.2 percent.

As well, the Ministry has very strict rules against any form of restraint, either chemical or physical, for patients.

"We make it very difficult for a facility to come and argue with us that (restraint) is justified," Klejman says. "Restraint is the easiest way to deal with (a problem), but that's not acceptable."

More patients prone to wandering plus rules against restraining those patients means

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Dream becomes reality:

Province will fund new campus for Sir Sandford in Haliburton

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The dream of a new Sir Sandford Fleming College campus in Haliburton can now be built with real bricks and mortar.

On Wednesday, the province announced the college had been successful in applying for $27.4-million for capital expansion projects, including $5.1-million for a new campus in Haliburton village's Glebe Park.

"Today we're proud there's been an expression of faith in us," college president Brian Desbiens said in a conference call with other members of the media. "The government is saying Sir Sandford Fleming College has not only done the job in the past and present, but this college is worth investing in."

Remembering the "difficult decisions" the college had to make five years ago when the province cut its funding by 20 percent, Dr. Desbiens said "it's nice the good guys finally won."

"I'm really excited," said MPP Chris Hodgson in a telephone interview.

Realizing the government needed to invest in post-secondary education because of more demands on the system and the upcoming double cohort graduating class, Hodgson said the expansion will be good for the province as a whole as well as the local communities. (The "double cohort" refers to the elimination of the fifth year of high school, resulting in a graduating class

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Here's your chance to be a model train engineer

here & there
—news and events worth noting

Do you love playing with trains? Have any weekends free this summer? The Kinmount Model Railroad Club needs help running its working model of the rail line between Haliburton and Kinmount this summer. This display, appropriately housed in Kinmount's old train station, is open to the public from the Victoria Day weekend to Thanksgiving. If you can volunteer to be on hand to run the train and answer visitors' questions any time this summer, please call Bob Mitchell at 705-488-2057.

Jayne Elliott, who once spent a month working at the Haliburton Hospital as a student nurse, is now a PhD candidate researching the role of Red Cross Outpost Hospitals in Ontario. If you have a story or experience to share, she'd love to talk to you. You can contact her 613-738-7414, e-mail jelliott@cyberus.ca or write to her at 3349 Clearwater Cres., Ottawa, K1V 7S4 or Department of History, Queen's University, Kingston, K7L 3N6.

Anyone who's inherited Grandma's quilt – or is lucky enough to own any quilted heirloom – can come to the Quilters' Workshop on March 16 to have it appraised. Rita Rottman of Ottawa, a quilter, lecturer teacher and licensed appraiser, will be at the Allsaw area workshop to answer you questions. The fee is $15 for a verbal appraisal; $35 for a written appraisal. The consultations are by appointment only so you can book your time by calling 457-9581. On March 15, Rottman will also be giving a lecture for the Guild of Fine Arts' quilters guild at the Quilters' Workshop.

With the arrival of spring-like weather, people are reminded of the springtime dangers when near rivers and lakes. Faster flows of water make them particularly dangerous and parents are reminded to keep their children away from their banks.

A mobile health card unit will be at the Minden Hospital on March 2 for anyone who needs to replace a missing, damaged, expired or incorrect health card. Appointments necessary. Call 905-434-3700.

Want to know what people are looking for when they decide where to spend a weekend or week away from home. There will be a one-day workshop in Peterborough on March 8 which focuses on developing tourism packages ranging from the traditional getaways to new and exciting trends. Registration is $20, lunch included and you're asked to register before March 1 by calling Gail Henderson at 1-800-461-5424 or 705-742-2201.

Peter Gzwoski, Trent University's chancellor, will moderate a panel discussion on whether higher paycheques and lower taxes in the United States are robbing Canada of some of its top minds. Panellists include UBC professor John Helliwell; John McCallum, chief economist at the Royal Bank of Canada; U of T president Robert Pritchard; and Heather Reisman, president of Indigo books. The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. on March 7 at the Wenjack Theatre on campus in Peterborough.

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

The fascination of trains: Jim Malcomson of Haliburton had no problem trying to get his almost-three-year-old granddaughter to share his love of trains at Saturday's open house at the Rails' End Gallery in Haliburton. Tristan Crompton was transfixed by the display put on by the Haliburton Model Railroaders.

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A question of age:

Leap year babies keep track of their birthdays differently than most of us

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Carson Metcalfe loves to tell people that he's older than his dad.

Not so fast, his father Greg Metcalfe responds.

"I could have almost tied him if he had been born in March," Metcalfe senior says.

Earlier this month, Carson turned 10. His dad is celebrating his ninth birthday today. How can the son be older than the father (who also has a 12-year-old son, Dylan, and 16-year-old daughter, Nikki)?

If you haven't noticed yet, today is February 29, a day which only appears on the calendar every four years.

Since this is one of the few times that The Echo is also published on February 29, we decided to search out those special "Leap Year Babies."

Greg Metcalfe was born in Westin on February 29, 1964. Today is the ninth time in his life when he's been able to celebrate his birthday on its actual date.

His mother tried to avoid such an occurrence, but baby Gregory would have nothing of it and arrived on the Leap Day. In honour of his stubbornness, his parents named him Gregory after the Gregorian calendar which formally introduced February 29 as a way of making the human year align itself with the universe's clock. "Or at least that's what they told me," he says of his parents' reason for calling him Greg.

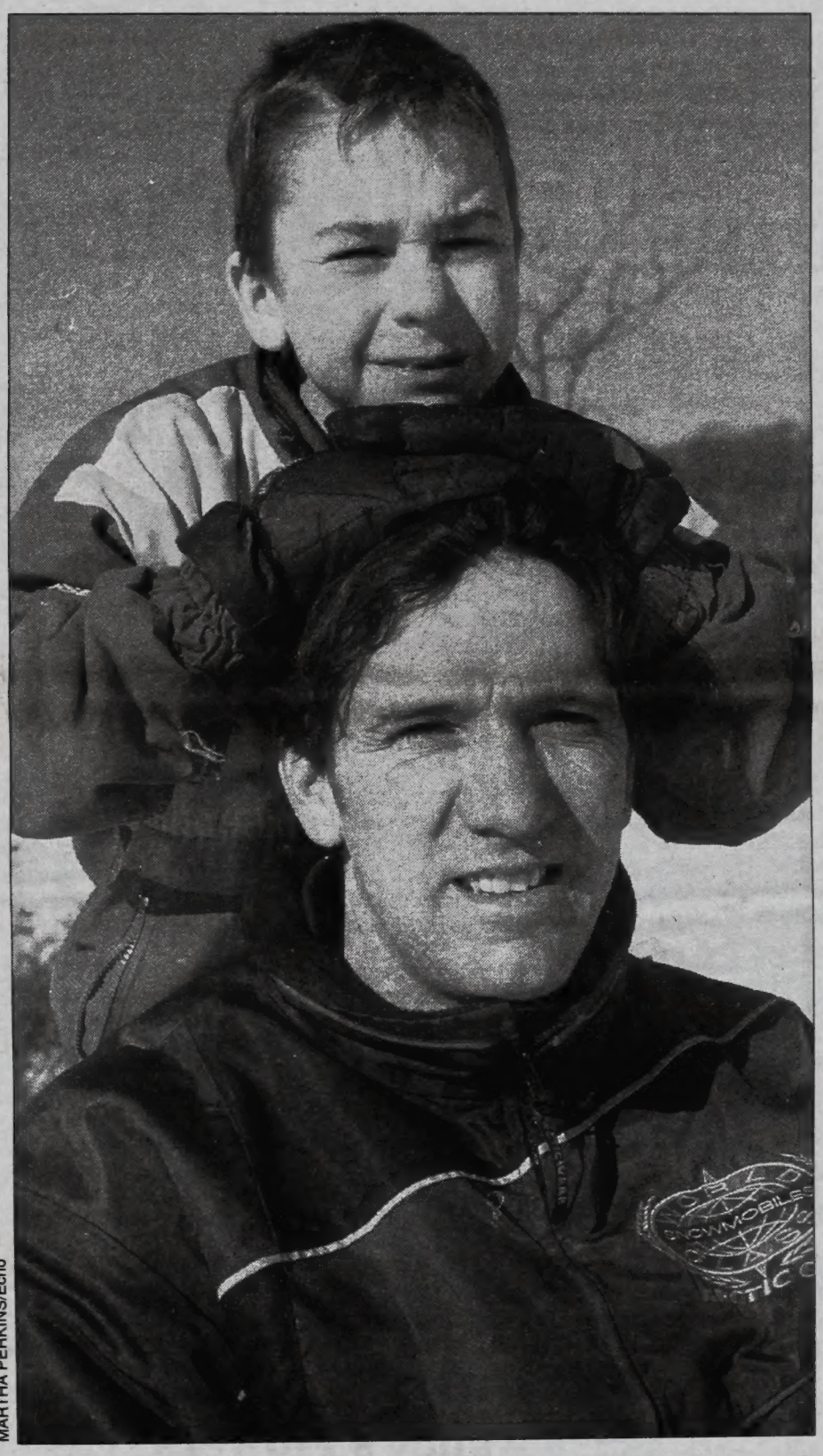
Apart from a little gentle-hearted teasing when he was a kid – "Ha, ha, you don't have a birthday" – Metcalfe says having a February 29th birthday has not created any trauma in his life. In fact, as he grew older, he began to notice a certain pattern in birthday celebrations, which in non-leap years he enjoys on February 28th: "I usually get better presents on that fourth year," he smiles, looking forward to unwrapping his presents later today.

Up north in Sault Ste. Marie, Timothy Pritchard knows what it's like to be married, the father of two, and not yet be able to measure his age with two digits.

"I'm an advanced nine-year-old," he laughs during a telephone interview from his home in Sault Ste. Marie.

In fact, he's only two years older than his oldest daughter. If he had started being a father at an even younger age, there was a real possibility his daughter could be older than he is. "Now that would have caused real problems," he says.

It was Timothy's aunt, Dorelle Baker of Haliburton, who linked us up with her northern nephew, who grew up in Minden in what is now known as Pritchard House.



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Greg Metcalfe (with his son Carson) was born in Westin on February 29, 1964. Today (Tuesday) is the ninth time in his life that he's been able to celebrate his birthday on its actual date. In a sense that makes Carson, 10, older than his dad

"It's different," he concedes about having a "real" birthday every four years. Good different or bad different? Definitely good. "It's an interesting conversation piece. People say 'You're one of those?' ... and I'm left-handed, too."

He too was born on February 29, 1964 and this is only the ninth time he's been able to celebrate on the true day. Every other year, he celebrates on the 28th instead of waiting until March 1. "Besides, my wife's birthday is on March 2 so we make it a three-day celebration."

Having so few birthdays doesn't bother him. "It's like my hairline, I don't worry about how far back my birthday goes."

Comments like this lead to a question: Do people born on February 29 develop a sense of humour as a way of coping, or are a higher percentage of February 29 babies simply born with a smile on their face?

"I wonder if I could get a government grant to do a survey," he responds, adding that he'll also check the internet to see if there's an association for February 29 babies.

Last year he heard talk that February 29, 2000 might be cancelled to get the calendar in line with the stars. (Let's see if we can explain this: The earth takes a bit longer than 365 days to circle the sun, so back in 1582 Pope Gregory XIII decided to even it up on his calendar by adding an extra day to the month of February once every four years. However, an extra day every four years is a bit too much, so on some fourth years, there's no Leap Year. Dear old Gregory decreed that a Leap Year could not occur at the turn of the century – a double zero year – unless that year could be divided by 400. Thus it is that we do have a February 29, 2000, the newest threat to computer clocks since the Y2K bug.)

"I was going to sue," Pritchard says of his reaction to the threat of taking away February 29 this year. "If someone was going to cancel my birthday, they'd have to pay."

This February 29 is especially important to Elizabeth Maitland, too. Not only does she get to celebrate her birthday on its real day, but it's also an extra-special birthday – she'll be 80 (or 20 if you're just counting her February 29 birthdays.)

"I'm just a kid," she says of her 20th/80th birthday, which she'll be celebrating in Haliburton with her sister Mickie (Queenie) Kerswill.

In other years when February 29 doesn't exist on the calendar, Mrs. Kerswill celebrates on both February 28 and March 1. "I make the most of it and stretch it out for as long as possible," she laughs when interviewed by phone from her home in Toronto.

She doesn't mind being able to celebrate on only one day this year. "As you get older, you realize every year is borrowed time" and she makes sure she appreciates every birthday.

One of her favourite birthday keepsakes is a bracelet her mother had made for her. Before Elizabeth was born, her uncle bet her mother that the birth wouldn't take place until March. When Elizabeth arrived on the rare February day, which any other year would have been March, the uncle still had to pay his quarter. Elizabeth's mother had the quarter made into the bracelet. Now that's a special gift for a special day...

Campus a worthy investment: Desbiens

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of both Grade 12 and OAC students in three years.)

The college will be able to accept 3,000 additional students when the construction is over, for a total full-time equivalent student body of 10,000.

Hodgson praised local efforts in helping ensure Haliburton's bid was successful, adding that the campus "will be nice fit with our tourist economy."

The funding is for 75% of three capital projects, totalling 127,000 square feet:

• building a new 37,000 square foot campus on the shores of Head Lake in Haliburton; $5.1-million

• building a geomatics laboratory and high technology Natural Resources learning commons in Lindsay; $12-million

• renovations to create new academic space and a student village and add 50,000 square feet for a new technology wing for industrial projects in Peterborough; $14-million

The total cost of the projects is $42.7-million and as well as the provincial funding, the college has $7.6-million in commitments from corporate sponsors, such as Bell Canada and Nortel for the Lindsay and Peterborough projects.

Dr. Desbiens praised Dysart et al's financial contribution of $800,000 for the Haliburton campus. Dysart's donation of the land and all servicing costs helped convince the province the project had community support.

"(Reeve) Murray Fearrey was instrumental" in the funding application, Dr. Desbiens said. "The campus is there because of the tremendous support from council."

He credited campus director Barb Bolin for having a new campus that will truly make Haliburton the jewel in Sir Sandford's crown.

"I want this campus to sparkle," he said of the Haliburton project. "We want to make this place a place where everyone says 'Wow!'"

The college has five years to complete the projects. The Friends of SSFC have hired a consultant to gauge the community's ability to raise funds but the local share "will not be prohibitive," he said.

Luckily, the province is transferring the money immediately into the college's bank account so the accrued interest will also help pay the local share.

SSFC had to compete with colleges and universities across the province for SuperBuild funding. Four criteria had to be met to prove the need for expansion dollars and some post-secondary institutions, such as Trent University, did not meet all criteria and were not funded.

Dr. Desbiens credits the college's "responsible" response to previous funding cuts as a factor of its success in attaining SuperBuild funds.

"We had real needs... and I think we had an incredible lobby," he said of the college's application, which in part presented a strong case for economic benefits. It's estimated the expansion will contribute an additional $75-million a year to the college's catchment area.

"This campus is worth investing in, this college is worth investing in, and this community is worth investing in," he said.

"It's all of us working together."

New campus 'wonderful' for college

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

When Barb Bolin looks outside the windows of Haliburton's Sir Sandford Fleming College campus and sees Glebe Park across Head Lake, she wishes she was at the park beginning work on the new campus right now.

"It's so wonderful," the campus director says of last week's announcement that the province has approved the new Haliburton campus at Glebe Park. "I just wish we could get out there now with the shovels."

The college has five years in which to complete its new campus facilities in Haliburton, Lindsay and Peterborough. It's not yet known when construction can start, but for Bolin and the students and staff in Haliburton, it can't be soon enough.

"We have spent so many years shoehorning courses into places it will be wonderful to consolidate all our courses in one building," Bolin says from her office in the 71-year-old former school which is now the Haliburton campus. "The main benefit is for the students. They don't get to be a real student body (because courses are spread throughout the village) and that's part of the college experience. It will be a chance to integrate and feel like a community."

It's also hoped the new campus will allow the college to double its enrollment from 100 to 200 students. This would be done by introducing more courses.

Although many summer courses will have to continue to be held at local public schools in order to accommodate the 3,000 students who attend the School of Fine Arts, the new campus will allow the college to expand the number and types of courses.

"Studio spaces in the new facility will make it possible to run programs we find it difficult to find appropriate space for," Bolin says. There are some courses which would be popular which haven't been offered because there was no place to host them. The needs of these programs will be incorporated into the architect's plans.

Enrollment in some programs could also be increased because of additional space.

Given the college's vast artistic resources, many people involved in the arts will be contacted to get their input into the campus's design.

"We have talked over the years about the type of building we'd like, the kind of feeling you'd like," says Bolin. "I'm really looking forward to start working with an architect and talk to people about how they see a building will look and work."

It's important to the college to have an attractive, inviting campus in Haliburton, she says. For this reason, the lakeside location was important and an attractive building design will be essential. "Why be in Haliburton if you don't have a window that looks outside?"

As to the need to raise money locally for the new campus, Bolin says the college recognizes hospital fundraising will come first. A consultant is investigating the community's ability to raise the college's 25 percent share of the capital costs, but Bolin says that "community" also includes everyone involved in the School of Fine Arts, people who don't live in the Highlands but have a commitment to the campus. Corporate partners will also be sought.

She too acknowledges and praises the support the college has received from Dysart et al, which has donated the land and all costs of servicing it. "Dysart's made a big dent in what we have to raise," she says.

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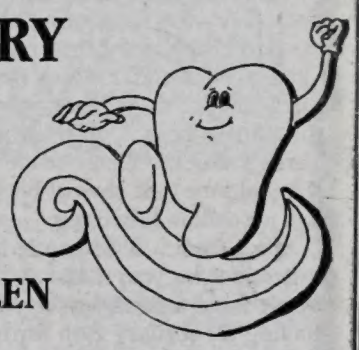
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Well-known retired priest dies following single car accident Sunday

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Anglican community, as well as the much wider community of family and friends, are trying to come to grips with the death of Gerry Johnson, a retired priest who succombed to his injuries following a single-car accident on Sunday north of Kinmount.

"It's all rather a shock," says the Rev. Christopher Greaves of St. George's Anglican Church, where Johnston was a honourary assistant.

The death takes on an added poignancy because it happened at the close of an Alpha weekend at St. George's.

Starting on Friday night, continuing all day Saturday and then culminating in a healing service on Sunday morning, about 100 people, including Johnson and his wife Diana, had explored and subsequently deepened their faith.

"It was a touching, meaningful time for everyone. There was a real closeness," Greaves said Monday morning, remembering how the Johnsons came to the communion bar at Sunday's service holding hands.

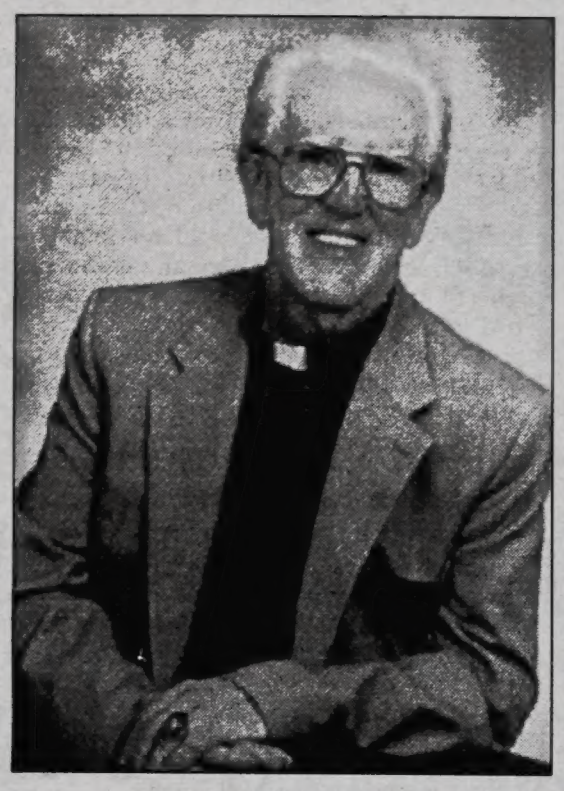
During the service, many people felt "God's spirit was very present. There was a tremendous peacefulness."

After the service, Johnson felt compelled to make a pastoral visit. Heading home afterwards, his car left Cty. Rd. 121 and went into the ditch, smashing the front end.

Johnson was still conscious when he arrived at Minden Hospital and told staff he had fallen asleep at the wheel. He was transported to St. Michael's Hospital but died that night.

"The trauma was too much for the heart," Greaves said.

Johnson had suffered from heart trouble. He would have been 67 on March 9.



Gerry Johnson

Before retiring to Stanhope 10 years ago, he was a priest with the Dioceses of Toronto and Huron, ministering in London. His family's roots were in the Highlands, however, and he and his wife moved to the old Dawson farm on St. Peter's Road.

Helping Greaves with Sunday services and pastoral duties, Johnson had a special bond with St. Andrew's in West Guilford, where many of his relatives once attended church.

He also served in Haliburton and once a month at St. Margaret's in Wilberforce.

"I would describe him as a child of God who was beloved by his own family and his parish family," Greaves says. "He loved his kids and he knew how to make connections in his homilies with day-to-day life.

"There was a gentleness about him that I loved so much."

At Sunday's service, instead of a sermon Greaves asked parishioners to share a blessing in their life. "Father Gerry was for me one of those blessings," Greaves says.

Visitation will be at Monk's Funeral Home in Minden on Thursday night and Friday afternoon and evening. The funeral is at St. George's on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow.

Local people may be unaware of the number of accidents, OPP believe

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Highlanders aren't concerned enough about the increase in motor vehicle accidents, says Staff Sgt. Bob Walli of the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

Because many of the people injured or killed aren't from the county, there's an emotional buffer which prevents people from understanding how serious the problem is, Walli recently told Stanhope council.

In 1998, there were 62 accidents which caused personal injuries. In 1999, that number jumped to 89, and that does not include snowmobile accidents. Reportable property damage accidents went from 255 to 300.

Many of the accidents occurred on sunny days with bare, dry pavement.

There were two fatalities in 1998 compared to four in 1999.

"The majority of fatalities are not from the county so (the problem) doesn't come to mind as an area of concern (among residents), but it's certainly something we've got to respond to," Walli said. "This is something we're definitely going to work on."

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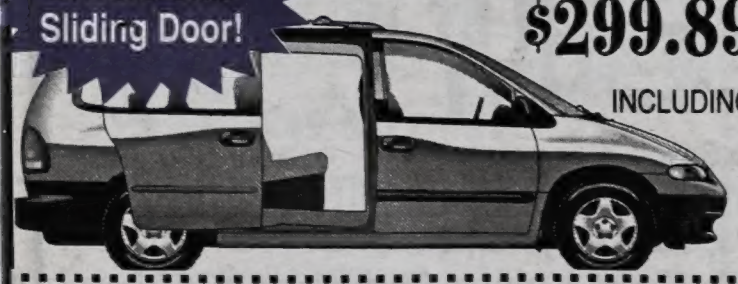

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Long term care facility will require wings with restricted access

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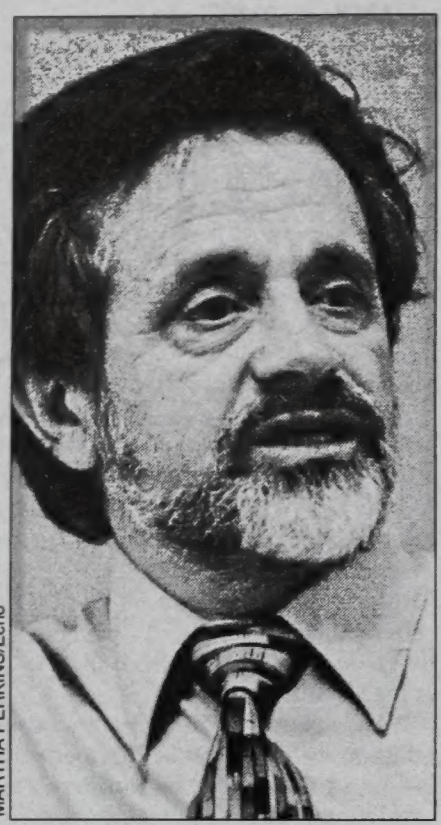
other security measures, such as wings with restricted access, are required.



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Michael Klejman

"Why didn't someone (at the Ministry) flag this," asked board member Jack Brezina. "Now we're backtracking and it's expensive."

Klejman said the board had a valid point and the issue will be addressed at the Ministry level.

The underlining principle in running a long-term care facility is that it's the patient's home, Klejman said of Ministry policies. "Everything that happens around their home has to be developed from that principle."

To prepare for the changing demographics, Klejman says the province is in its second stage of granting funding requests for more long-term beds.

Given the changing needs of people in long-term care facilities, HHHS executive director Foster Loucks wondered if the province's funding formula and policies reflect the new reality.

Board member Betty Moffatt asked whether funding cutbacks have led to increased use of restraints because there isn't the money to find alternatives.

Klejman responded there's been "a gradual but progressive reduction in the use of restraints as people look for alternatives."

The health board is working now on incorporating those alternatives into modified plans for the long-term care wing.

Future of old hospital in Minden has not yet been decided by board

MENNO MEIJER

Staff Reporter

An uncertain future awaits Minden's hospital. As construction of the new emergency facility at Hyland Crest nears completion there have been no decisions made as to the fate of the old building or lands. Nor have there been any requests made to the hospital for alternative uses by outside agencies.

The hospital board has discussed the future of the site, including alternative uses.

"No final decision has been made," said Foster Loucks, executive director for Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

"We'll look if it is in good physical condition and consider, with modifications, if it usable for other purposes related to health services," he said.

Loucks said preliminary assessments indicate a lot of work will be required to renovate the site. One complication known to need attention is the leaky basement. Water drips in every time there is a heavy rain, said Loucks.

"We're skeptical that it's worth putting much money into," he said, adding consideration is also being given to selling the property as is or levelling the building to sell the empty lot.

Other scenarios include renting space to other health care providers such as chiropodists and chiropractors but no one has yet come forward to inquire about using the space.

Conversely there have been inquiries about space which will be available on the second floor of the new facility, said Loucks.

He said the HHHS has not yet put out the word about the old building and that may be why there have been no offers.

"Maybe we'd be better to just dispose of the asset," said Loucks.

The old building, opened in 1954, was a nine-bed hospital with an emergency room and X-ray facility and had six in-patient rooms, a waiting room, offices, kitchen and a staff lounge.

The last in-patients were moved out in April 1995.

When the construction at Hyland Crest is finished, Minden Hospital's emergency department will be located there. All of the county's acute care beds will be housed at the Haliburton Hospital but Minden will have a couple of observation beds for overnight stays.

Loucks said the HHHS will make its decision on the fate of the building by summer.

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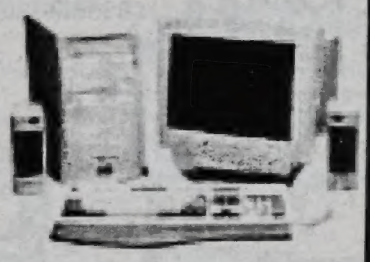

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Monmouth gives final offer on Harcourt fire protection

KERRY RILEY

Special to The Echo

The following are brief excerpts of discussions held during the February 2000 meeting of Monmouth Council.

Ongoing negotiations between Monmouth and Dysart, regarding fire protection for Harcourt, have resulted in Monmouth council's latest offer to provide the coverage for $22,000, down from its original figure of $36,000.

"I know that the reeve of Dysart took issue with our comparisons," said Hilda Clark, referring to Monmouth's use of figures from Dysart's fire agreement with Snowdon to defend its own bid, "but I still believe we have good reason to ask for more [than in the past]."

Other council members concurred, noting that Monmouth kept more firemen in the department in order to cover Harcourt, and parts of Dudley and Bruton for Dysart, and that, unlike Dysart, Monmouth Fire Department also supplied First Response services.

Council was adamant that $22,000 was the final offer and that the deadline for acceptance (60 days from the January council meeting) stood.

Managed Forest program expensive proposition

Shifts in property assessments that occur when a landowner opts to join the province's Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP) are potentially a source of huge tax revenue losses for townships.

The difficulty arises from the re-classification of the applicable land from residential to farmland/managed forest that occurs as part of the process. This results in a significantly lower assessment and lower taxes.

Under the present program, the land is taxed at 25 per cent of the residential value. As well, the assessment is "downgraded" to agriculture land values, which are much lower.

Previously, the landowner paid the full tax rate and was re-imbursed by the province for 75 per cent of the taxes.

Therefore, with the new system, not only does the township forego 75 per cent of the taxes, but the taxes it does receive are on a property assessed at a lower level. The province says it reimburses the lost taxes by way of increased grants, but municipalities argue that the reimbursement is based on the much lower assessment.

The discussion arose in response to a request from North Perth council to support their resolution outlining these objections to the MFTIP.

In one example cited, a formerly "residential" property assessed at $14,000 ended up with an assessment of $800 under its new classification as managed forest. The landowner pays one quarter of the taxes calculated from the $800 assessment.

"It's the remaining residential landowners who end up paying," said Clerk-treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig.

A resolution passed in support of the North Perth initiative.

Glamorgan wants to talk garbage

In response to a request from Glamorgan, March 20 was set as a tentative date for waste management discussions between the two townships.

Glamorgan, whose dump is fast approaching the end of its useful life, is anxious to consider options for waste disposal within the impending United Townships of Bicroft, Cardiff, Glamorgan and Monmouth.

In a related matter, notice of further increases in fees from Muskoka Recycling prompted discussion of the need for greater recycling independence, and the advisability of the township managing its own recycling program.

One small step in long march to 911

A committee was formed, consisting of Barry Dunford, Gary Stoughton, Keith Tallman and Hilda Clark, to deal with the task of naming un-named roads in Monmouth, and, on occasion, re-naming roads whose names have precedents elsewhere in the county. This is a very preliminary, but essential step in preparing for possible introduction of 911 service, sometime in the future.

Bank supports hospital project

Gerry Metherel of Haliburton's Bank of Montreal branch hands the first $5,500 cheque in its $22,000 commitment to the Health Services Foundation to Foundation members Dale Walker, centre, David Gray, left, and Don Popple, right

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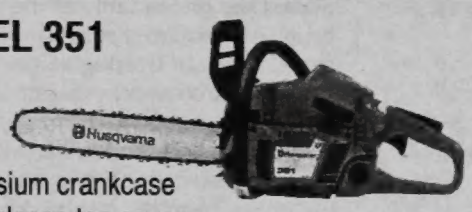
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A time of growth

A year ago, one could stand on a bend on County Road 1 in Haliburton and marvel at all the construction taking place. In the foreground was the start of the new 30-bed long-term care unit at Haliburton Hospital. In the background, work was nearing completion on a new kindergarten to Grade 3 public school. It was a sight to behold. Could this bustling corner really be in Haliburton?

Today, some patients are already at home in the new hospital facilities and children and staff are delighting in their new digs at Stuart Baker Elementary School.

The construction has given Haliburton a new sense of hope, a hope that was only further heightened with Wednesday's news that funding approval had been given for a new Sir Sandford Fleming College at Glebe Park. Could the Highlands be about to have its time in the sun?

echo **editorial**

martha perkins

Anyone who doubts this county desperately needs an economic boost wasn't in Haliburton or Minden on the weekend. The lack of snow was disastrous for planned events and luring cottagers to their Highlands retreat. The streets were quiet and the mood among retailers was glum. This winter has been a washout in more ways than one.

Dependence on the weather, as everyone is aware, is no way to run a year-round economy. Providing a viable infrastructure is. Haliburton County is not an appropriate – or even feasible – place for large-scale manufacturing. The emphasis has to be on the word small even when it comes to small-scale manufacturing. Not only do we not have the roads and services to make most industries viable, but it's to our peril to do anything to ruin the environment that will always remain the true backbone of our economy.

Sir Sandford Fleming College, just like its increasingly popular School of Fine Arts in the summer, is a perfect fit. It attracts people to the area because of the natural beauty, not in spite of it. When a student comes to take an arts course, there's very little impact on the environment. There's no pollution, except for the extra cars on the road, no trees cut to make room for them, except for the few that will have to go to make room for the new campus, no water resources tapped beyond their limits. The college brings people to the area to appreciate our natural resources and in turn, the students leave those resources intact for the next wave.

The new campus will have many benefits, from construction to new jobs to the ability to attract more students for more months in the year. It's easy to believe in the good of the project and most people are extremely grateful to the college, the province and Dysart et al for making it all possible.

As the expanded healthcare facilities and new campus begin to add to the county's economic stability, they will pave the way for more growth. Positive growth, growth that enhances the Highlands way of life, not detracts from it. Perhaps a swimming pool will seem like a more viable project, as well as Andy Hillo's skymap observation platform deep in some Highlands forest. If we have good, healthy ways of improving the economy, then perhaps we won't be as tempted by the bad.

Signs of an early spring *by Len Pizzey*

A friend is a terrible thing to waste

A dog's happy face is a sight for sore eyes. They're always ready for fun and mostly to be a friend. Dogs bear no malice.

Not too long ago a woman next to me lifted a healthy husky. The dog was happy for the attention but was not so happy about the needle being injected into her hind quarter by another fellow. The two left the room and the dog was left alone in its cage again.

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Within a few minutes the dog lost interest in looking out of the pen in hopes the two would return. She staggered a bit to the back of her pen and began to vomit uncontrollably. Then she began to defecate while still vomiting. The drug was taking effect.

She lapsed in and out of fits of heaving, staggering around the pen in the intervals, until finally the woman returned 15 minutes later.

The dog was in a daze as the woman clipped a lead to her collar and led the dog down the corridor, outside and into another door.

The man was waiting there beside a stainless steel table and bent to pick up the husky. He placed her on the table as the woman pet her head. A tourniquet was wrapped around the front left leg of the dog just below its elbow. The man prepared another injection.

As the liquid passed through the needle and into the vein the dog began to shake. Then she began to convulse. The woman continued to pet the husky until her last breath.

Another disposable friend was gone.

The next dog led into the room was not so lucky.

As the injection began to take effect this dog too began to convulse. It did not die. The man worked quickly to prepare another injection. When he took this job it was for the love of animals and the dog's misery was apparent. The second injection worked but slowly. When the struggle ended the dog was placed into a garbage bag and placed on a shed floor next to the husky. In the end there would be four more dogs and several cats on the pile to be picked up and thrown into a landfill site outside of town.

The animals were in the Chatham-Kent shelter operated by dedicated men and women of the O.S.P.C.A. Every week a day is selected when there are too many animals for which to care and a selection process takes place to decide which animals are to die. They do it early in the morning so the horror of it is not so fresh when they go home at night.

There are a number of contributing factors which lead to so many abandoned animals. The biggest one is the failure of owners to neuter their animals. Others are abandoned when they are no longer wanted because not enough thought was put into the decision to adopt.

Funding for animal shelters is very low and in this case there is no money for a veterinarian. So instead of barbiturates, which kill quickly and painlessly but are a controlled drug, a tranquilizer is used to sedate the animal prior to the injection of a drug cocktail which is supposed to mimic barbiturates. It does not work.

I was there to document the shelter and photographed all their good work and the horrors which surround the demise of so many creatures.

I can't for the life of me shake the look in the husky's eyes as she was lifted the first time thinking it was all a game. I can't forget her look as convulsions took over her body until she was silent.

We have a responsibility to care for animals we have domesticated and made dependent on our care. It is too easy to forget their fate when we pass the buck to others to do our dirty work.

The man and woman continued on with their day cleaning pens, washing dogs and cats and feeding them. And more kept arriving.

This is my final column and final week at the Haliburton County Echo. I have made the difficult decision to pursue my photo-documentary work on a full-time basis. I have a love for the newspaper industry which has kept me in its employ for a number of years but the time has come to dedicate my time to my passion.

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House hunting in Haliburton

down our **road**

sharon lynch

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE LOOKING AT HOUSES for sale in the country to cause a person to reconsider her own sanity. When Moira decided it was time to buy another house, she knew she was in for upheaval. Emotional turmoil. Wrenching decisions. But she had not anticipated the breadth and depth of experience she would encounter on that road to a simple little house tucked away in the bush. Ah life - always an adventure, as she liked to tell her nieces.

Saying goodbye to one home and setting out to find another was the first difficult step. Like most people, Moira's home was in many ways an extension of herself. Things important to Moira, such as plants and animals, took obvious precedence throughout the house. Other, less significant aspects of life, such as always having a clean dish on hand, were of less consequence.

Unfortunately, not everyone shared Moira's priorities. She knew, that, in order to sell her house, she would have to bend to the mind set of the vast, house hunting world at large. In other words - she would have to clean, tidy and polish every corner, counter top and cupboard of her home from top to bottom, inside and out. And hardest of all, she would have to keep it that way, at least until the house sold.

Once the implications of that awareness had truly sunk in, Moira steeled herself for the next step. She was to join that very group she had cast dispersions upon; she was to become a house hunter herself.

It was an eye opener. In fact, before Moira had actually personally viewed a single house, she almost gave up her quest. It seemed that impossible. While she had started out thinking she knew, more or less, what she wanted, the more she read the house descriptions, the less certain she was of anything about residential property in her county. How was it possible, Moira asked herself, for such palaces to exist over such an enormous price range? She knew she couldn't see them all, it would take years.

So she decided to be thrifty and start with the palaces at the lowest end of the price scale. It was at this point that Moira began to question the sanity of others. For these palaces rarely resembled the image that Moira had conjured in her head after reading the description. More than once, she asked if indeed this was the house she had pointed to in the book. It always was.

With this newly gained knowledge, Moira then decided to loosen her purse strings and allow something other than a rock bottom price to dictate what houses she wanted to inspect. The county was then spread before her like a feast. Page after page of beguiling photos, often with rapturous details, awaited her perusal. Moira had never realized such polarized worlds existed in her own community. Having seen leaky basements and drafty bedrooms, shredded insulation and tenuous stairways, she now came upon indoor pools, executive retreats and privately stocked lakes. Wood stoves were replaced with heat pumps, outhouses with jacuzzi baths, muddy ruts with crushed white stone.

Having seen the best and the worst, Moira, true Canadian to the core, knew she wanted something in the middle. A house attuned to the beauty of nature without foregoing the practical joys of warmth and reliability.

Tucked away at the end of long driveways, behind a screen of majestic trees, a sumptuous world lay, hidden from the view of Main Street. Moira felt a brief, vicarious thrill at she turned the pages and lingered over the details. Like a visit to a candy store, the taste was sweet but not for every day.

Having seen the best and the worst, Moira, true Canadian to the core, knew she wanted something in the middle. A house attuned to the beauty of nature without foregoing the practical joys of warmth and reliability. Luxury had its own requirements and Moira had neither the temperament nor pocket book to live in fear of a little dirt and disarray. After all, had she wanted total convenience and no surprises, she could move to a condo in the city. Instead, she preferred her water foaming in a river, instead of a tub and her security in a good supply of firewood and a deep well. In one way, Moira knew she had already found her home. It would always be in Haliburton.

pic *of the* past

A few weeks ago, our Pic of the Past featured the image on this old plate. Steve Hill of the Haliburton Highlands Museum has graciously documented information on the various buildings featured in the plate.

All of the above buildings were on the south side of Highland Street except for the William Lucas house, which was on the north side. The information was gleaned from the late Roy Brohm and Jack Hoxie. Hill says the artist may have used some artistic licence when painting this plate.

A. Barn

B. Watt house. Burned down in 1910s.

C. William Hudgins' butcher shop and attached sheds. Hudgins was known as Sawdust bill or Butcher Bill

D. John Brohm house.

E. William Lucas house, it's the only one of the buildings show which still exists. It's next to the cenotaph and owned by Harry Brohm (the future location of Country Pickin's.)

F. Bloomfield residence. There were various occupants after the Bloomfields left Haliburton. As a boarding house, it burnt down in the 1920s.

G. Malloy and Bryans sawmill. The museum believes that this was the first sawmill at the mouth of the Drag River on Head Lake and that it commenced operation just after 1900. That is its smoke stack in the background.

H. This might be the Hoxie residence, now owned by the de Moustiers, but it appears close to the corner. (*The Echo* office, which is on the corner, was built in 1917.) The Hoxie house was built circa 1902-03 and the house next door, now owned by Alan Hoxie, was built some time in the 19th Century

letters to the editor

Piper clarifies that two bands played in Santa Claus parade

To the Editor:

Further to "proud wife of Bill Medland, Eagle Lake".

As a "proud" member of two "very small bands", Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums and Bracebridge Legion Pipes and Drums Branch 161 who participated in the 1998 Santa Claus Parade, I wish to set the record straight as to the number of members who attended the parade.

Bracebridge Legion had a turn-out of 19 members and Haliburton Highlanders had a turn-out of 12 members.

Also, the two bands did not parade as one band. Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums were at the front of the parade and Bracebridge Legion Branch 161 were near the rear of the parade.

At the conclusion of the parade, members of both bands met at McKeck's Place to relax and both bands played together and entertained Walt and patrons (as one band).

Bracebridge Legion Branch 161 Pipe Band consists of 34 members and Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, 22 members (two small bands).

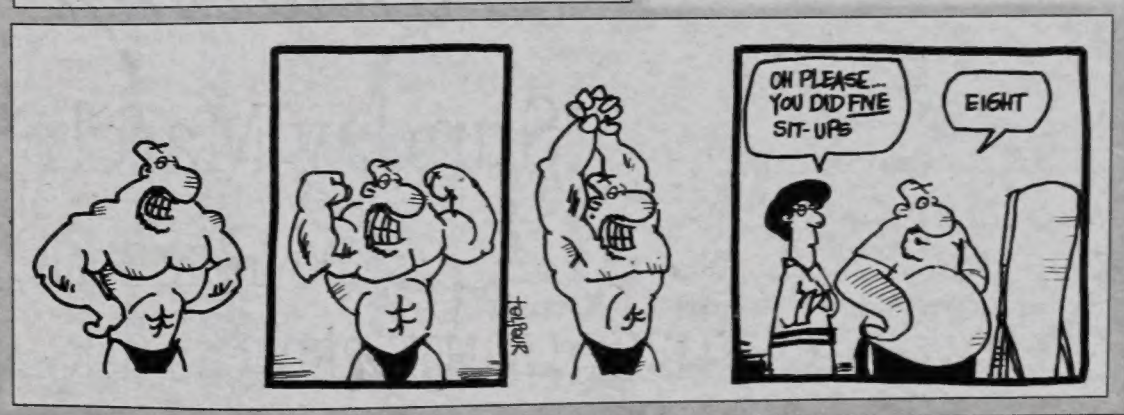
Members of both Haliburton and Bracebridge bands consist of students, working people and retirees who donate their spare time to practices and parades throughout the year.

I hope this clarifies the issue of both bands playing as one band.

Barry Martin,
Eagle Lake

P.S. Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums has been on parade since April 30, 1972 and have been promoting Haliburton and surrounding areas since that date.

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



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- Adjudicator: Marjorie Sparks

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- Afternoon - Haliburton United Church
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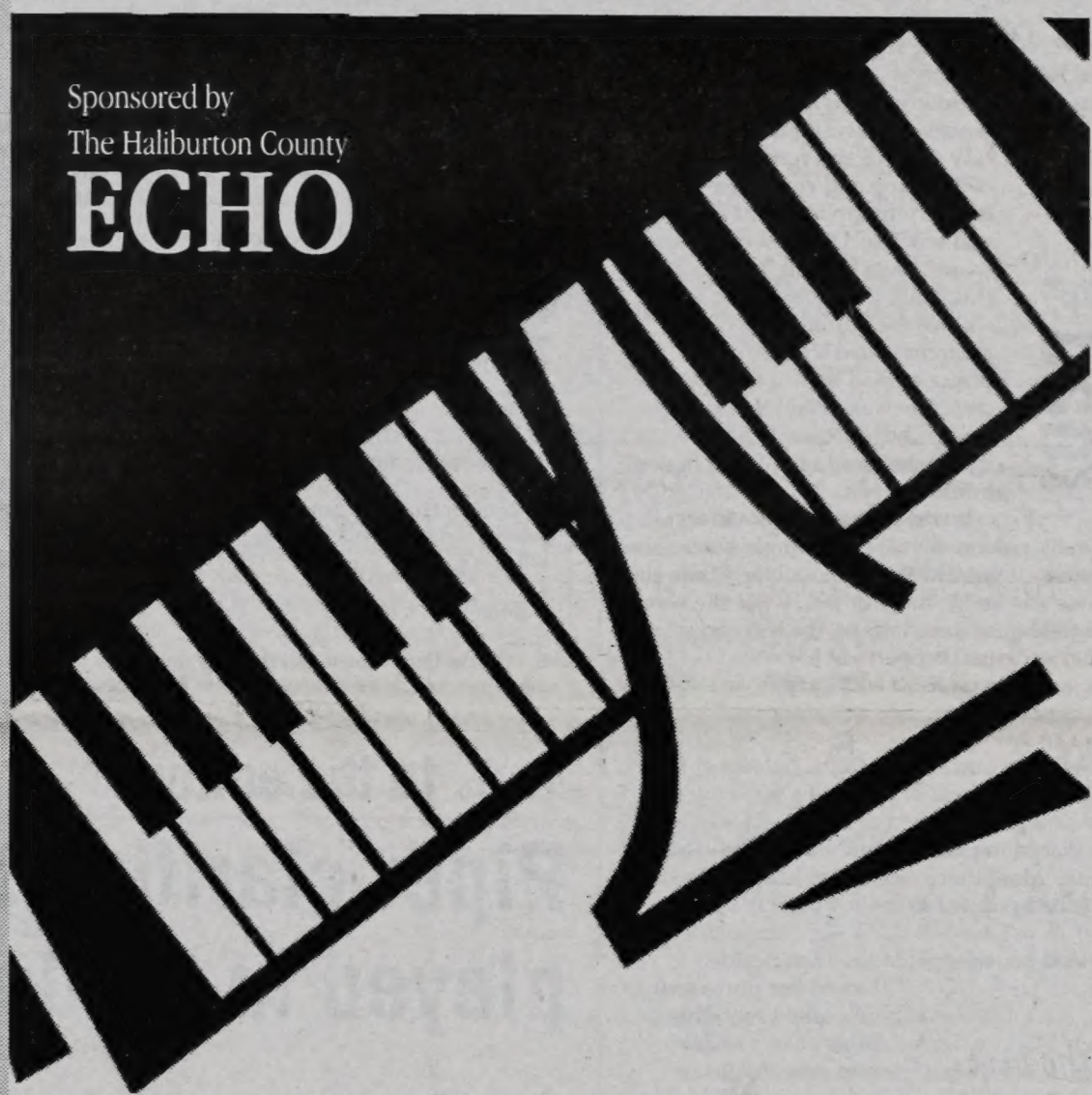

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Two snowmobilers injured in separate accidents

A 41-year-old woman from Oshawa sustained minor injuries when her snowmobile collided with a parked snowmobile that had been left unattended at a landing area on Sumcott Road in Harcourt Park on Feb. 19. Karen Chambers was transported to Haliburton Hospital where she was later released with minor injuries.

On. Feb. 19, a 40-year-old Toronto man sustained minor injuries when his snowmobile struck a tree on a trail near Cty. Rd. 121 between Minden and Haliburton.

William Beale was taken to Haliburton Hospital and further transported to Peterborough Civic Hospital. He was released from hospital on Feb. 21.

Theft

A 1996 Polaris XCR snowmobile and a yellow 1998 Honda ATV were stolen from a residence on Milburn Road in Snowdon. Both had been chained and wired with an alarm. The chains had been cut and the alarm wire disabled.

It is believed the vehicles were removed by truck, some time between Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. and Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. The value is estimated at $10,000.

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to call the OPP at 286-1431 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-563-8477.

Break and enters

A three-burner propane stove, five feet of pressure house and brass fittings were stolen from an ice hut on Gull Lake. This was the second break and enter at this fish hut in two weeks.

A VCR and other small items were stolen from a cottage on Glamor Lake.

Domestic incident

Police say that on Feb. 20 at 4:30 a.m., a brother and sister got in a verbal argument at Mapleview Apartments in Wilberforce. They say the argument escalated and the 25-year-old woman was hit in the face and pushed to the ground. She was taken by family to Haliburton Hospital where she was treated and released.

The 23-year-old man has been charged with assault causing bodily harm.

O'Reilly votes against same-sex benefits

John O'Reilly, Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock voted against the government on Monday night on the second reading of BillC-23. The Bill is a proposed law that extends same-sex couples the same benefits as common-law pairs.

"I oppose same-sex benefits because I believe shared benefits should be reserved for a husband and a wife. I disagree with unfair discrimination against individual gays and lesbians but I do not support same-sex relationships being treated as a common-law pair, not in any way. Both of my offices in Lindsay and Ottawa have received many phone calls, facsimiles and e-mails urging me to vote against this government bill," O'Reilly says in a press release.

Bill C-23 is "An Act to modernize the Statutes of Canada in relation to benefits and obligations".

This enactment extends benefits and obligations to all couples who have been cohabiting in a conjugal relationship for at least one year, in order to reflect values of tolerance, respect and equality, consistent with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Twelve of John O'Reilly's colleagues broke ranks with their government as they did not want the legislation passed in its current form. But the opposition wasn't enough and the bill passed second reading by a vote of 161 to 60. The bill will now proceed to the Commons Justice Committee, which will study and hear from witnesses on how it may be improved.

Health status report prompts focus on disease prevention

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Believing that an ounce of prevention is less expensive than a pound of cure, the district health unit is lobbying the federal and provincial governments to spend more money on disease prevention and health promotion.

"An increased investment in public health funding now will decrease the need for $9.5-billion currently projected as required for healthcare treatment by 2017," said Dr. Alex Hukowich, medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit at a recent board meeting.

He was responding to the recently released report of the Health Status of the Residents of Ontario.

The report's findings do not make for happy reading, Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman told his fellow county councillors when reporting on the meeting at February's county council meeting.

Incident rates for many diseases – particularly lung disease among women – are on the increase, pointing out the need for people to take more control of their health as part of disease prevention, he said.

One major health issue is smoking and its negative health effects.

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Trails network looks for support from county

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Having a full-time, paid co-ordinator has been key to the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network's achievements over the past two years and is of critical importance if the Network is to continue to reach its goals, county council was recently told.

At the end of March, funding from Human Resources Development Canada for Jan Thomas's position as co-ordinator is running out and the volunteer-based Network is seeking new funding sources so Thomas can help bring the Network's ambitious plans to fruition.

"The success to date is largely due to Jan's efforts," Network chairman Barrie Martin told council. "In two years we've made quite a lot of progress."

The salary and all related office costs are $49,000.

Martin presented council with four options for helping to meet those costs:

• moral support
• shared funding of $10,000
• paying half the cost with, it's hoped, the Trillium Foundation paying the other half
• or picking up the full cost.

"We're confident we can make a difference" in the Highlands economy by promoting recreational activities, Martin said. And while it's impossible to track how many people have taken advantage of programs initiated by the Network, he's sure its efforts have been of benefit to the county.

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> **BARRIE MARTIN**

A decision was not made at the meeting.

Meanwhile, Martin and Thomas outlined some of the ongoing projects and plans for the future.

At present, much of their energy is going into several inter-related map projects with ChrisMar Mapping.

The first is a full-colour brochure which will list hiking, biking, horseback riding and canoeing routes, with information on snowmobile and ski trails as well. Supporting this project is the county and the Heart Connection.

ChrisMar is independently working on a large format recreation destination and road map of Haliburton County. One side is a detailed map, the other is a listing of various recreational and cultural opportunities in the county. It will be sold for $5.95.

If these publications piques your interest and you want more detailed knowledge of the hiking and canoeing trails, ChrisMar is continuing work on its Adventure Map series. It's already done one for the Frost Centres and various parts of Algonquin Park and a large number of new areas are being considered in consultation with the Network. These maps will retail for between $5.95 and $10.95 and the Network will financially benefit from being the local distributor.

ChrisMar is also working on a Haliburton Highlands Trails Guidebook available in a format suitable for trip planning.

The Network also has a long-term action plan with project costs totalling almost $740,000. For instance

• $11,000 on information projects
• $50,000 on trail information kiosks
* $105,000 on signage
• $ 80,000 on rail line development
• $140,000 on hiking trail development
• and $25,000 on Peterson Trail development

One project suggested by Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey was working out some way to appease private landowners whose support for the trail system is critical. If landowners no longer let trails cross their land, "we could really be in trouble" and the Network could play a role in coming up with a solution.

"What happened with the ski trails (when two landowners withdrew permission to have the trails cross their land at strategic places) is really unfortunate timing," Martin said. The stewardship council is looking into some of the issues around landowner liability to see if a solution can't be found.

Sherborne et al Reeve Don Shortreed said his council feels canoe routes are of vital importance and is willing to help with their maintenance now that the Ministry of Natural Resources no longer assumes responsibility.

Responding to Martin's suggestion that voluntary donation boxes could be placed at trailheads, Shortreed says now that the municipality has responsibility for the Dorset Tower and charges a small fee to climb it, people still contribute to the donation box for its ongoing upkeep.

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

HELP FOR THE CNIB
Last Friday, Ida Schultz helped to draw the winning tickets for the CNIB's 27 raffle prizes. Watching is Bill Hartin, who sold the lion's share of tickets. He says the raffle raised $4,000 to help provide services to the sight impaired.

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Ratz shatters senior girls record

Highlanders take COSSA by storm in nordic championships at Glebe Park

by BRIAN FARRELL/HHSS

On Feb. 23 Haliburton hosted the Central Ontario Secondary School Association nordic ski races at Glebe Park with 96 racers competing.

"The weather didn't make it any better for skiing" says Jessica Swan. Although the trails were slow and sticky due to the rain and warm temperature, the race went on and the skiers did an excellent job.

"It was an intense, but fun race," says Jenna Benoit.

Racing for Haliburton, the midget girls Amelia Ambridge came in first, Joann Varty came in second, and Erica Fearrey came in third.

"The senior girls have destroyed the feild," said HHSS coach Bruce Griffith. "Steph Ratz, beating the old record by two minutes, came in first with a new record which will be hard to beat at her level of compition and is unheard of."

> *The senior girls have destroyed the field.*
>
> **Bruce Griffith**

"I am very excited to be going to the Ontario Finals and my first place came with lots of practise and a lot of hard work," said Ratz. "I train by running with my best friend Katherine Hagermen."

"Steph is a real inspiration to me and a role model through my high school years" Hagerman says.

"Our team pushed hard" said Liz Brown who is looking forward to going to OFSAA next week in Sudbury with the senior girls team. "They push me to do my best."

The coach for Trinity, John Gaele, was very excited for his senior team. Two of his racers, Conrad Heminger and David Gale, came within one second of each other to take first and second place in the senior boys division.

The day finished with the relay races which were full of excitement. The HHSS junior boys team was tied with Trinity for first going into the race. They were thrilled to finish second overall and can't wait for OFFSAA, said coach Sharon Dibblee.

The skiers move to Sudbury to compete in OFFSAA March 1, 2 and 3.

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Steph Ratz digs in on the first hill toward a first-place finish during the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Association nordic ski championships in Halibuton Wednesday. Ratz shattered the old senior girls record for the course by two minutes.

Wolves slug it out in tough series

250 penalty minutes and a few 10-minute misconducts in five games an indicator of hard action

by SUE CLARKSON

The Eastern Division Central Ontario Wolves and Peterborough Petes AAA hockey clubs recently went into their quarter-final playoff series tied for second place at the end of the regular season.

In game one the Wolves came away with a big 2-0 win assisted by great goaltending.

Peterborough played very aggressively in game two, resulting in numerous suspensions to both teams and leaving the Wolves with only six skaters in the final minutes. They lost this match 4-3 but won the battle as they say.

In the third round of this best three of five games or six-point series the Wolves won 6-3 but no breaks or bounces went their way.

The next game was more physical than game two. The Petes scored twice late in the third to tie at 3 which meant the Wolves were one point shy of a series win.

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The fifth game was filled with tension. It ended up being a very well played game by both teams. At the break the Wolves were ahead 2-1 and they put the game away in the third by a score of 4-1. Highlander Josh Shaw scored one goal and two assists in this series. Defencemen, Jarett Rowden, Adam Clarkson and Gary Kernohan, also Haliburton Highlanders, played strong defensive games that helped the team to the series win.

The officiating in the final game was superior and prevented the Petes from playing their aggressive style of hockey. To give you a sense of what these boys went through - in five games there were over 250 penalty minutes between the teams, not including the ten-minute misconducts, and the police were called four times as well. It's a series the parents and players are glad is over.

Team members and their families would like to thank all the Haliburton/Minden supporters who came out to the home games. The semi-finals will be versus Richmond Hill - the # 1 ranked team overall.

Huskies OMHA atom

Injury aids loss to Oro killing playoffs

by ROY BURK

On Feb. 20, the OMHA Atom Huskies were in Oro for their second game of the playoff series.

The first game ended with Oro winning big with a score of 9 to 3 and the Huskies were hoping for a little revenge. They came out hitting hard. It seemed to distract the Thunder a little but it wasn't enough to stop them from scoring three times in the first period. The Huskies had some great opportunities themselves but just couldn't find the back of the net.

The second and third periods were almost the same as the Huskies pounded them physically but couldn't stop them from scoring. They were able to capitalize on our mistakes but we had problems taking advantage of theirs. The game ended with Oro winning 7 to 0.

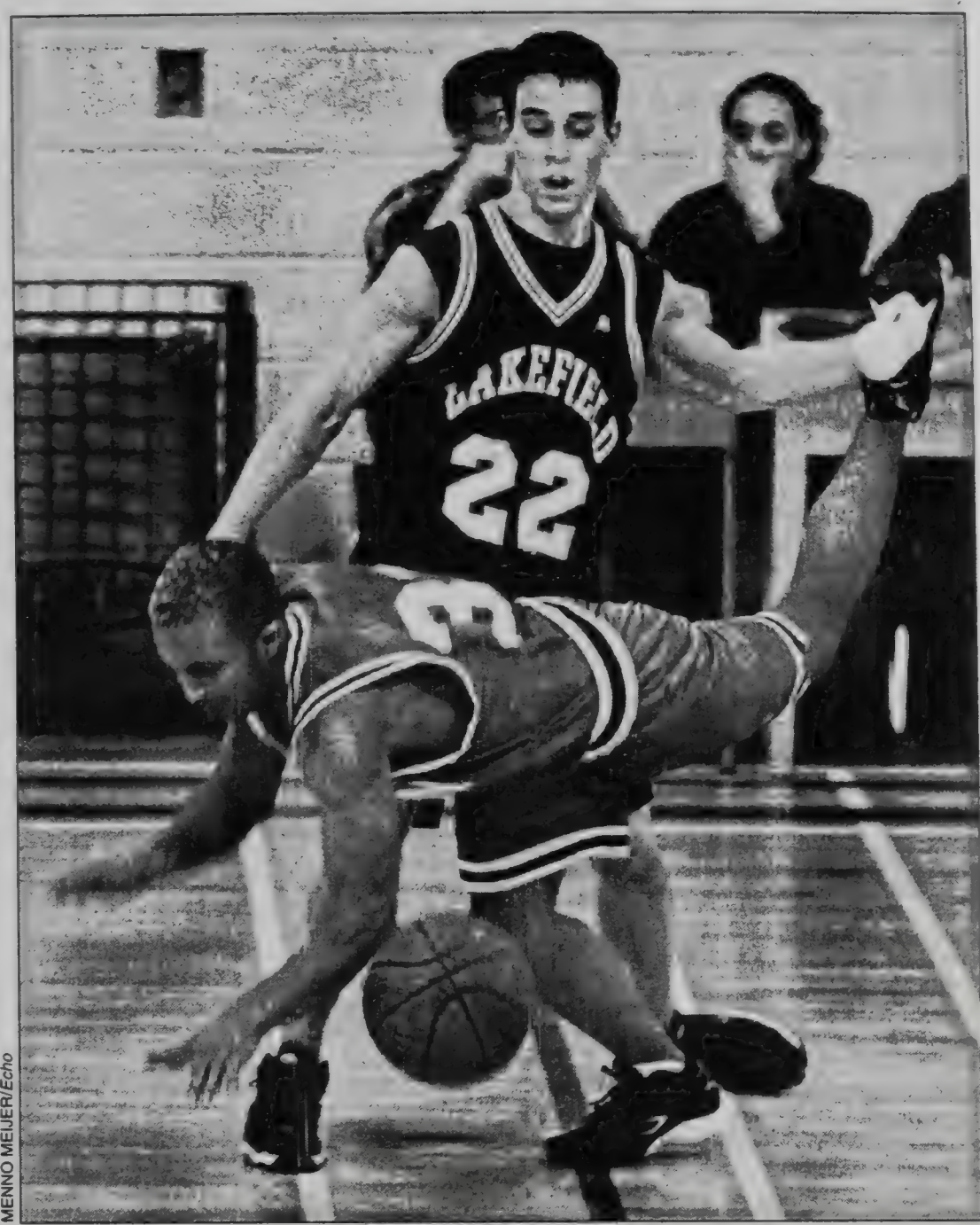
With one more practice under their belts the Huskies tried once more to beat or at least tie Oro Friday night.

The game started off the same as Sunday's with the Huskies getting physical. The play started in the Huskies' end when Connor passed over to Kenton who in turn hit Devin with a perfect pass in the neutral zone. Devin weaved back and forth to beat their defence and goalie for a one-goal lead. The play went end to end for the rest of the period with both teams getting good chances but the goalies were hot. With only two minutes left in the period Oro got lucky on a scramble in front of the net and the period ended tied.

The second period was just as exciting as the first as the Huskies kept up their hitting and Oro kept trying to out-skate them with an extra line of forwards. The extra line tactic paid off eventually as the Thunder managed to score their second goal.

Our Huskies left the ice for a rest feeling confident that they were still in the game. But when the third period started, they were one player short. Matt had received an injury to his leg that would not permit him to skate anymore. This was hard on our remaining defencemen who tried their best to clear the front of the net. Oro was able to take advantage of this and they scored three more times in the period to win the game 4-1 eliminating the Huskies from the playoffs.

On behalf of the parents, I would like to thank the entire coaching staff for their time and effort at practices and games. They are Jim Winn, Gary Burtch, Norm Bottum, Keith Hunter and Brian Sachs. A special thanks to Dan MacMillan for his organization of the paper work. Thanks also to the kids for a great year. To Ryan, Jeff, Connor and Matt for being at their best on defence all year. To Adam, Tyler, Scott and Kenton who were outnumbered most of the time but still played with determination. To Devin and Galen who proved that size doesn't matter unless it's your heart and to Ian our goalie who won more games than he was given credit for.



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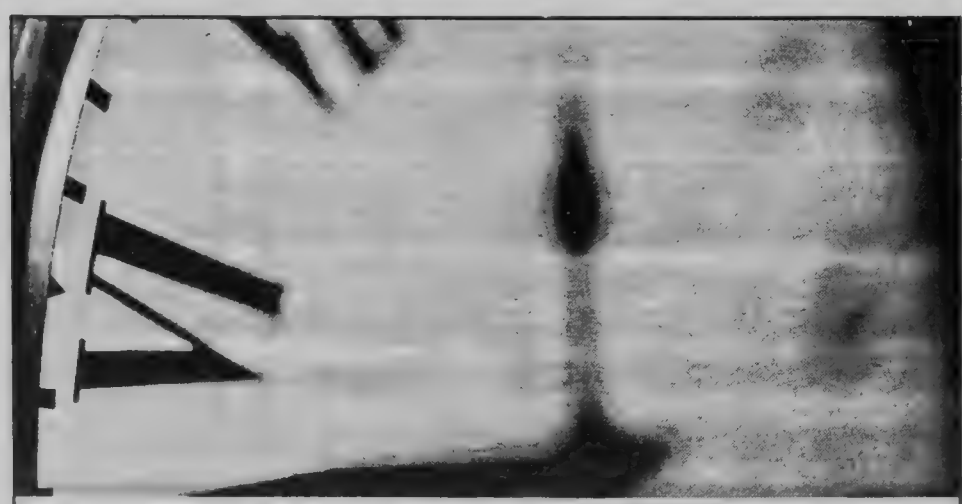
Red Hawks out

Nic Cochrane trips while attempting to snatch the ball from a Lakefield player during the first game of the Centrall Ontario Secondary School Athletics Association championship play in Haliburton last week. The Red Hawks lost their final game when a Lakefield shot made the net as the buzzer rang. *Story by Michelle Russell will appear next week*



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Local skiers win medals at Ottawa Loppet

Highlanders shine in 25, 50 km freestyle skating events

LEN PIZZEY

Publisher

Local cross country skiers earned a gold medal, a silver and a bronze medal at the eastern North America's biggest ski loppet, the Keskinda, held in Quebec's Gatineau hills last weekend.

Risto Santala of Minden won gold in the 25 km classic style event on Saturday. He was the top finisher in the men 60-64 category, bettering 22 other skiers in his age category and finishing 40th overall among 265 men who completed the distance. Santala's time of 1:53:23 meant he covered the distance at an average speed of 13.2 kilometres an hour.

Marcel Crete of Haliburton earned a silver medal for finishing second among 26 men in the 55-59 age category, and 57th overall.

Other local skiers in the 25 km classic race were Mike Darlington of Haliburton who finished in 2:02:29, 69th overall, and Bob Heyes, also of Haliburton, 71st overall in 2:03:09.

In the gruelling 50 km classic event, Haliburton's Blake Paton finished 26th overall and and 8th in his age category with a time of 3 hours, 10 mintes and eight seconds.

The Haliburton Highlands Cross Countyr ski club's strongest representation was in Sunday's 25 km and 50 km freestyle (skating) events.

In the premier event, the 50 km distance, which attracts world-ranked and Olympic skiers, Marcel Crete was the top local finisher in a time of 3:04:00, fifth among 25 skiers in his age category. His average speed over the difficult 50 km course was 15.7 kilometres an hour. He was followed closely by Mike Darlington of Haliburton in 3:04:13 and Bob Heyes in 3:05:07. The fourth Haliburton skier to tackle the 50 km skate was Rob Hill, who crossed the finish line in 3:52:40.

Eight local skiers tested themselves in the 28 km skating event on Sunday. Mike Armstrong was the fastest among the local contingent, finishing 35th overall in 1:38:28 at an average speed of 17.1 kilometres an hour.

Bruce Griffith was next to finish in 2:05:15, followed closely by Eva Griffith in 2:10:15.

Len Pizzey completed the distance in 2:11:14. Kit Pizzey earned a bronze medal in her age category with a finishing time of 2:11:28. Other local competitors were Jane Heyes in 2:12:21, Carrie Heyes in 2:31:05, and Cathy Darlington in 3:34;13.

Novice As tied with Brighton

by ANDREA DONALDSON

The Novice A Huskies played a great series against Millbrook beating them three straight and advancing to a playoff series with Brighton.

The first game was Saturday. The Braves came out in strong form going ahead with two goals. In the third period, the As came back strong turning the game around tieing 3-3 and going into overtime.

Nathan Woodcock played a fantastic gam, making some big saves. Brighton won in overtime 4-3.

Sunday the boys travelled to Brighton for game two. This was a tough game for the As, with lots of chances to score but no breaks. It was just one of those games. The final score was 4 - 0.

Sunday the Huskies travel down to Brighton for game three.

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Mite pups up on their pins

by WADE MacINNES

The millennium rendition of the Haliburton Huskies Mite team consists of 11 first-time hockey players. Although small in stature these gung-ho little hockey nuts have progressed from wobbling on the pins in October to playing some great hockey in January.

Ranging from four to six-years-old are: #2 - Zach (The Hammer) Boice, #5 - Dalton (Hollywood) Morrison, #7 - Brett (The Sniper) Yake, #8 - Liam (The Ripper) Wilcox, #10 - Ryan (The Rocket) Hunter, #14 - Stewart (Thumper) Chalk, #17 - Donovan (Cruncher) MacInnes, #20 - Mike (The Train) Mazara, #22 - Rob (The Rifle) Lewis, #24 - Riley (The Razor) Tate, and #29 - Dylan (The Duke) Upton.

The coaching staff of Ron Yake, Barry Boice and Brad Tate have done a superb job with the boys, putting fun at the top of the list of things to learn.

The Husky Mites scheduled a 10-game regular season with Minden, Mariposa, Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon and Ops. The Huskies ended up with five wins and five losses (.500), excellent for their first kick at the can.

This past weekend the Husky pups hit the pond in Bobcaygeon for the Tri-County Mite playoff tournament. The Tri-County brass wouldn't allow last year's Haliburton Mite team to play in the tourney because Woodville and Sunderland threatened to boycott the tournament if the strong Huskies team was playing. This year's Husky Mites would face Woodville and Sunderland (the two strongest teams) in their first two games. With mostly second-year Mites the Woodville team routed the Huskies 11-1. Ryan Hunter scored the lone Huskies goal.

In game two a second-year Mite squad of Sunderland Redwings outscored Haliburton 16-1 with Mikey Mazara tallying for the blue and white.

Sunday the Huskies were pitted with the Omemee Sharks in the E final. This game would be a little closer with the Sharks chomping out an 8-2 victory. Zack Boice and Ryan scored for the Huskies.

All the Huskies received a trophy for trying their best and the smiles on their faces were priceless regardless of the scores. The coaches and parents from Haliburton are to be commended for keeping things positive for their young budding hockey stars.

By the time these little Huskies hit Novice Rep they will be a dominant force in the OMHA.

Come out and see these little rippers perform at the Glen Dart Tournament March 26 at the Dysart arena.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sean Howden, centre, is a familiar site on the winner's podium.

Native Haliburton athlete may represent Canada in Alaska

by MARTHA PERKINS

The sparkle on Sean Howden's gold and bronze Special Olympics medals doesn't hold a candle to the glow on his mother's face as she talks about his accomplishments.

"I'm so proud of him," Bertha Howden says of her 22-year-old son, who grew up in Haliburton but now lives on his own in Collingwood.

At the national championships in Ottawa recently, Sean won a gold medal and two bronzes in various alpine ski events, representing Team Ontario. These wins may earn him the right to represent Canada in an international competition in Alaska next year. Last year, he also reached the national championships in downhill skiing.

Sean was, quite literally, born with half a brain and only one lung. "Everyone told me he wouldn't get anywhere," says his mother, who's so glad her confidence in his abilities can now be shared by others. "He still can't read or write, but he's really doing well. At least he's making something with his life."

Sean has an apartment in Collingwood where he works at Tim Horton's. He started skiing because "he gets a rush out of it," his mother says. "It's a way of controlling his energy."

Lester wins Kawartha Cup

Fifteen-year-old A.J. Lester of Minden won his first Canadian Snowcross Racing Association Sport Class trophy at the recent Kawartha Cup Snowcross in Lindsay.

He had special permission to race in this division since the minimum age requirement is 17.

"Throughout the weekend, A.J. was the crowd's favourite as he skillfully launched his Ski-Doo higher and higher off the huge jumps on the challenging track," says a press release.

He came second in the Sport Open, second in the Sport 600 and first in the Sport 500. In the Semi-Pro 600 Final he was racing as high as fourth before he was struck from behind and put out of the race.

His 19-year-old brother, Luke, was also unstoppable, qualifying first in all his Semi-Pro classes.

"Showing skill and finesses which he has been building week after week this season, Luke was poised for a successful weekend," the press release says. "He did just that by carding a first, second and a third in final round competition... This makes a perfect three for three win record in this class this season.

"In the Semi-Pro Open Final, Luke pulled a huge and convincing holeshot which rocketed him to a commanding lead.

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Mathews rink tops skills competition

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

This young rink from Haliburton were among the 64 participants in the Haliburton Youth Fun Spiel Saturday. Along with six Haliburton teams there were two from Peterborough, and one each from Gravenhurst, Minden and Bobcaygeon, some players as young as seven. This is the second year for the bonspiel and this year it had to turn away teams looking for some winter fun. From left are; Lacey Johnson, vice, Tara Tibbitts, second, Amy Nicholls, lead and Sarah McMaster, skip.

by LISE AINSLEY

The Haliburton Curling Club hosted its second-annual Youth Curling Funspiel on Saturday, February 26 with 64 curlers in attendance.

Curlers, their parents and coaches from Peterborough, Minden, Bobcaygeon, and Gravenhurst, joined our Haliburton teams for a fun day of curling, food and prizes.

The first draw consisted of curlers from the ages of 7 to 13 years of age.

The winner of the skills competition was the Mayhew rink from Haliburton. The first prize team was the Hyatt rink from the Peterborough Golf and Country Club.

Second prize team was the Thompson rink from the Gravenhurst Curling Club and third prizes went to the Cyr rink from the Minden Curling Club.

The second draw consisted of curlers from the ages of 13 to 16 years. The winner of the skills competition was the McVety rink from the Peterborough Curling Club. The first prize team was the Pearsell rink from Haliburton. The second prize team was the McVety rink from Peterborough and the third prize went to the Ainsley rink from Haliburton.

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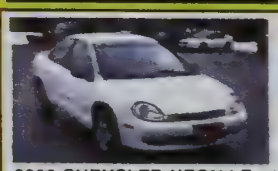
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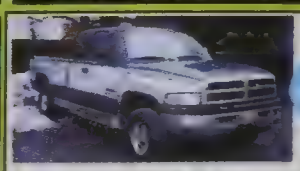
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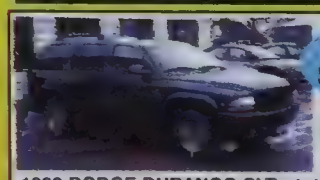
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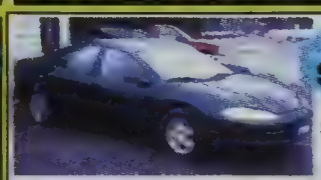
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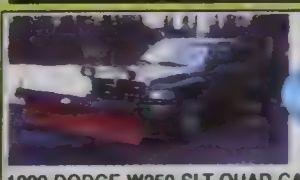
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MEN	Ken Thompson 235	Ken Thompson 316	Merv Bunker 271	Ken Thompson 737	Merv Bunker 744
LADIES	Marie Thompson 189	Marie Thompson 200	Vicki Ross 256	Marie Thompson 543	Vicki Ross 745
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Novice Cs even; 2 wins, 2 losses and tie

by Sherrill Sherwood

The Huskies were on fire at Fenelon Falls the night of Feb. 21. Craig Mulholland came on strong to start the scoring 26 seconds into the game. Play was end to end and the first period closed at 1-1.

Ryan Sherwood put one upstairs to set the Huskies in the lead again, assisted by Bronson Cook and Riley Sisson. The contest raged on with superior performances by Husky defence and offence. Fenelon Falls broke through to tie it 2-2 with 1:10 left in the game, to the delight of the cheering and hornblowing Falls fans.

The decision to go into overtime left at least one tense Husky fan wondering where the nearest Legion was located. Putting thoughts of bedtime aside the Huskies and Fenelon players pushed themselves, both having good chances. Craig Mulholland effectively ended the game with a nice shot, assisted by Kevin Cooper and Bronson Cook, making it their first win against Fenelon Falls.

Another close game came on Saturday in the Ops arena. Goalie Curtis Nichol put his best foot forward, making many big saves. The Huskies put on great pressure in the Ops zone keeping it in for much of the first period. The Ops goalie worked hard to stop many shots from the Huskies to keep it 0-0 until 8:31 in the third period. Luke Watson snapped a rebound shot in from Craig Mulholland's initial try to put the Huskies ahead 1-0. What looked like a sure win turned when a scramble in front of the Huskies net ended with a puck in and a tie game, at 14 seconds left. Ops declined overtime play.

The next day in Haliburton, the Huskies played like they were in overtime for three periods against visiting Ops. Action was even for most of the first period but Haliburton took over at 3:31 on the score clock.

Before the game ended, Luke Watson would have one goal and Craig Mulholland four goals.

Assists went to Ryan Sherwood - 4, Bronson Cook - 2, Craig Cooper-1, Adam Van Nood - 2 and Riley Sisson - 1.

Jay Winfield's solid defensive play was an important element in all three games, including a leap in front of a flying puck headed for the Husky net in Sunday's secondperiod.

Brett Yavis put tremendous pressure on the opposition, with many shots on net.

His dogged determination in the last minutes of play against Ops helped greatly towards Curtis Nichol's well-earned 5-0 shutout. Curtis was rewarded for his efforts by being mobbed by his admiring teammates.

Huskies

Tykes B finalists

Saturday the Huskies Tykes hosted Beaverton in the playoffs. With Beaverton ahead 2-0 in the middle of the second period, Keaton Gadway found the net, unassisted. Ian Bottum was able to tie it up late in the third, assisted by Mark Vasey. The rest of the game was a heart-stopper as the boys kept driving to the net. Keaton passed to Chris Judge, who popped it in with two seconds left on the clock, making it 3-2 Haliburton.

Sunday the team travelled to Minden. The first game saw action against Lindsay. The Huskies were an offensive powerhouse. Chris, Ian and Keaton all had hat tricks with Drew Paul and Carson Roberts rounding out the scoring. All five had assists as well as Mark and Tom Nichol. Netminder Doug Bowering did not see much action but was in the game all the way. The final score was 14-1.

The second game was against Lefroy and probably the hottest goalie of the tournament. The boys fought hard and never quit surging to the net. With the score 2-0 Lefroy, Chris let a fast, hard one go that was knocked in by Carson on the rebound late in the second.

In the third Carson was on fire, having control of the puck on a pass from Keaton. He picked up his own rebound to tie the game. Final score, 3 - 2 Lefroy.

The third game was against Port Carling. Ian was in net and stood up well against an onslaught of breakaways. He made an amazing glove save to end the game on a positive note. Drew and Carson were the goal scorers with Keaton assisting. The final scorewas 8-2 Port Carling. The Huskies were the B finalists.

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Huskies novice B

Looking for gold in playoff round

Hopes for victory alive and well in Haliburton

by BRUCE GRIFFITH

The Haliburton Huskies Novice Bs kept their playoff hopes alive last Monday night when they travelled to Cannington and beat the hometown Kings 6 to 1.

With the best record in the league during the regular season with only four losses in 38 games the Huskies are looking for gold during the playoff rounds. Now that the team appears healthy and back to their winning ways, look for some exciting action to take place.

In a playoff series where goals for could be the difference between a place in the championship or consolation rounds, the Huskies came out flying in Cannington.

In the first minute of the game Scott Griffith skated hard to give himself a break-away and tucked in a fast one in front of a sprawling goalie.

Two shifts later Brady Yavis pulled the cement out of his gloves and scored back-to-back goals within 30 seconds of each other.

Assisting on both goals and shaking their heads in amazement of Brady's fire power were Daniel Sisson, Jesse Luke Frybort and Scott Griffith.

The Cannington defence never stood a chance as Cole Scheffee blasted in two more, one on a fancy wrap-around shot. These two goals were assisted by Jarrett Donaldson, Mark Perecko and Scott Griffith. Daniel Sisson's power point shot (the hardest shot in the league) sent players and referees scrambling and Jarrett Donaldson, seeing this great shot, tried one of his own and scored, making the game 6-0.

With some serious play-making and backchecking by CJ Clarkson, JL Frybort and Steven Jacobs, and with Kyle Steele the best goaltender in the league making unbelievable saves, Cannington never knew what hit them.

On the weekend the Huskies Novice Bs had an exciting playoff showdown between the leading Sunderland Wings and the Cannington Kings.

On Saturday in Sunderland with two men short the Huskies came out flying in a game of end-to-end action with fantastic goaltending by both goalies. The score after two periods was 1-0 after a great end-to-end play by Daniel Sisson.

In the third period the Huskies outshot their opponents and controled their game to ensure a place in the next round of playoffs.

With dazzling saves by Kyle Curtain a bad bounce caught the Huskies with minutes left in the games. It ended with a tie.

Sunday the Huskies hosted the Cannington Kings.

A win would put the home-town boys ahead of Woodville and a chance to play for the Tri-County championship.

The Huskies came out blasting with goals by Scott Griffith, Cole Scheffee, CJ Clarkson and a spectacular hat trick by Steven Jacobs.

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by LISA BOX-WARBURTON

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Board of education and CUPE sign contract

The first-ever collective agreements between the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 997 have been ratified.

The agreements cover approximately 177 employees in the custodial/maintenance bargaining unit and 405 people in the bargaining unit of educational assistants and office/clerical/technical employees. The agreements replace seven collective agreements that existed between the three predecessor boards and three unions.

The amalgamation that created the Trillium Lakelands board also made for a complex negotiation process. First, the Ontario Labour Relations Board had to define new bargaining units for the new board; then there was a vote to determine which union would represent the employees. Finally came the lengthy process of harmonizing the wide range of existing collective agreements.

Both board chair Judy Saunders and Lynn Raback, president of CUPE Local 997, applauded the agreement. "We're very pleased with the result of these negotiations," says board chair Judy Saunders. "The stability of a three-year term is very welcome after all the change that has occurred."

"I think this is an excellent beginning to our new relationship with the board," says Raback.

Key features of the new agreements include:

- new salary grid structures, effective Jan. 1, 2000
- salary increases of 1.5%, effective Sept. 1 of 2000, 2001, and 2002 expiry date of Dec. 31, 2002
- standardization of various items across the three former jurisdictions, including vacation and statutory holiday entitlements, seniority and layoff provisions, grievance procedures, transfer and posting provisions and leave entitlements

Health unit staff finally to get pay increases

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Health unit workers across the district will get their first pay increase for several years now that a new contract has been ratified.

CUPE members signed a four-year contract with three percent increases in the first two years and two and a half percent increases in the third and fourth year.

Nurses with ONA have a three-year contract guaranteeing a two and a half percent increase for the first two years and a two and a quarter percent increase for the third year.

Non-unionized staff have a one-year contract which includes a two and a half percent increase.

Given the lack of a pay raise for the past five to seven years, "there was a reason to ease some of the concerns the staff had," said Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman, at February's county council meeting.

He said the health unit contacted nine other health units to compare wages. "We're certainly behind (in salary levels) and at the end of the third or fourth year we'll still be behind but at least we'll be closer to something they're happy with."

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• Feb. 29: The Board of the ***Lochlin Park*** and Community Centre invite you to our annual meeting, Tuesday, February 29, 7 p.m. New members needed to leap onto the board. Refreshments served.

• Feb. 29: ***"Widow Grief Support Group"***. Register now for this Wednesday afternoon group in Lindsay beginning March 22, 2000. Total of 8 sessions. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811.

• Mar. 1: Join Home Support's ***Wheels to Meals*** at the Corner Café, 12 noon in West Guilford. Additional information, call 457-2941.

• Mar. 2: The Ministry of Health is bringing its ***Photo Health Card Clinic*** to Minden Hospital to Minden Hospital to replace missing/damaged/expired/ incorrect health cards. By appointment only. Call Oshawa, (905) 434-3700.

• Mar. 2: Join Home Support in the drop-in centre, and every Thursday for ***Duplicate Bridge*** at 1 p.m. Additional information, call 457-2941.

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• Mar. 3: Friday, 2 p.m., ***World Day of Prayer,*** Eagle Lake Community Church. Also Haliburton United Church. Everyone welcome.

• Mar. 3: ***Communication Workshop for Caregivers***, sponsored by Alzheimer Victoria, Palliative Care Victoria, and Community Care Victoria County. Friday, March 3, Kinmount Baptist Church. For registration and info., call Community Care Victoria County at 705-324-7323 or 1-800-461-0327.

• Mar. 3: Join Home Support in the drop-in centre, and every Friday for ***Cribbage*** at 1 p.m. Additional information, call 457-2941.

• Mar. 6: Join Home Support in the drop-in centre, and every Monday for ***Contract Bridge*** at 1 p.m. Additional information, call 457-2941.

• Mar. 7: ***W.H.G. Pancake Supper,*** Wilberforce. At Lloyd Watson Centre, 5 to 7 p.m. Adults $4, children 12 and under $2. Fundraiser for book publishing, Mustard Plasters and Handcars, author Gertrude F. Miller, former nurse.

• Mar. 7: St. George's Church ACW would like to invite you to their ***Pancake Supper,*** 5 - 7 p.m. $15 per family - $5 adults, $3.50 6 years to 12 years, under six years - free. Everyone welcome.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Technology workshop explores how internet can help local businesses and organizations

by **ERIC LILIUS**
Haliburton County Networking Group

In the Haliburton area, the Bell exchanges in Dorset, Carnarvon, West Guilford, Minden, Haliburton, Wilberforce, Gooderham, Cardiff, Bancroft, Apsley and Kinmount have now received the upgrade to have a minimum common level of data service up to T1 bandwidth.

The upgrades will give customers in these communities access to dedicated private line and shared frame relay data services to allow business and institutions to interconnect remote manufacturing facilities, retail outlets, municipal offices, schools, health care providers, emergency service detachments for the purpose of private data exchange, including gateways to the Internet.

This means that local doctors could do online discussion of digitally transmitted xrays or hold patient consultation video conferences with specialists in other centres, eliminating the need for costly long distance travel. These are only a couple of the telemedicine possibilities.

Citizens will be able to take courses from universities and colleges over the internet with ease. The possibilities for electronic commerce (e-commerce)and working from home (telework) will be greatly increased. For the first time, our communities will be connected across the province, Canada and the world at data speeds and at rates similar to those available to urban areas.

On March 6, there will be a free regional community workshop in the Apsley Community Centre, where you can find out how this new technology can work for you! Local and industry speakers will discuss topics such as telemedicine, distance education, video conferencing, teleworking and e-commerce.

It's a jam-packed event running from 2:30pm to 8 pm, with dinner provided. If you are in a business or profession that uses Internet Technology (IT), or if you want to find out how IT fits into your business or a business you planning, you owe it to yourself to attend this workshop.

Register by March 2 to reserve your seat. For more information or to register, call North Hastings Community Development Corporation (613-332-5564 in Bancroft), Chamber of Commerce (705-286-1760) If you are interested in improved Internet access and how it applies to your business or profession, you need to be at this meeting.

DSIP represents the first real opportunity to level the playing field on speed and price with the area south of Highway 7.

Join Us In Exploring The Possibilities For Information Technology In Our Community...

Distance Education – Telemedicine
Teleworking – E-commerce

A community workshop will be held on:
Monday, March 6
At
Apsley Community Centre
Community Centre Drive, Apsley
From 2:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (dinner provided)

For more information or to register call 613-332-5564 in Bancroft, 705-656-4980 in Apsley, or 705-286-1760 in Haliburton by March 2 to reserve your seat.

This workshop made possible by the

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Clockwise from top left:
- James Duff tries to avoid a collision with Stephanie Metzger, grades one and two teacher, during Stuart Baker Elementary School's winter fun day last week.
- Christian Bailey has trouble keeping his snowshoes pointed in the same direction.
- Bronson Cook ducks out of the way of Johnathan Anderson's kick as Jesse Frybort comes in for a stab at the ball during a snow soccer game.

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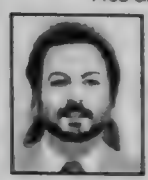
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Road name system is complicated in an area with two names for one lake

Plans are underway to number more local Guilford homes to aid in the process of easy location of houses in cases of emergency and fire and ambulance for example.

One of the obstacles is the naming of roads. At present, there are several with identical names and no one wants to give up the name of their own road. At Grass Lake we have the opposite problem: two names for one lake!

Our sympathy is needed for

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

Sadie and Doug Lavender of Cranberry Lake area. Doug's sister, Marion Stafford, died on Feb. 19 after her fight with cancer, the second sister of Doug's to go in the same way within eight months. Marion's funeral was held in Brampton, Ont.

Lisa and Derrel Fransel and family, Derek and Alison, were home with Leon and Alice Jones for a weekend from Welland.

Korean friends of Sid and Louise Cooper's arrived Thursday night to spend a week to ten days here in Canada. Kyung Sony and his wife Eunsook have looked forward to this visit for some time. We trust that they will see the country in better weather than today's!

Story time good enough to eat

Preschoolers, parents and caregivers are invited to a special story time to celebrate Nutrition Month.

Come and enjoy great stories, great snacks, great prizes, and a chance to talk about feeding busy families with dietitian Rosie Kadwell from the local Health Unit.

The story times are at Haliburton CHACE Resource Centre, Thursday, March 2, 5 - 7 p.m., and Minden CHACE Resource Centre, Monday, March 6, 5 - 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, to assist people who want to make quick, healthy meals, the Dietitians of Canada have developed a new cookbook, "Great Food Fast!" It features 125 recipes that contain everyday ingredients and are easy-to-follow so that older children, teens and beginner cooks can help prepare a meal.

Copies of the cookbook, as well as the grocery shopping guide "The HeartSmart Shopper", and a colourful children's book "Lunch" are being donated to public libraries and family resource centers.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Tenders are invited for providing maintenance services in compliance with Operational Plans for Snowdon Township's landfill sites.

Tender documents and specifications are available at the municipal office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sealed tenders will be received at:
Snowdon Township
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"Landfill Tender - Maintenance"
Attention: Ernest A. Hills, Clerk-Treasurer

Closing date: Friday, March 10, 2000 at 4:00 p.m.
Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

The Corporation of the Township of Snowdon
INVITATION TO TENDER

Tenders are invited for the staffing and operation of Snowdon Township's landfill sites.

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Closing date: Friday, March 10, 2000 at 4:00 p.m.
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NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLAMORGAN TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ORIGINAL ALLOWANCES FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposed to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario, on **Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.,** a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY: Part of Lots 16 and 17, Concession 13, designated as 66' Road Allowance on Registered Plan No. 464, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, designated as Part 1 on preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated January 11, 2000.

SECONDLY: Part of Lot 17, Concession 13, designated as 66' Road Allowance on Registered Plan No. 464, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, designated as Parts 2 and 3 on preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated January 11, 2000.

THIRDLY: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lots 16 and 17, Concession 13, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, designated as Parts 4 and 5 on preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated January 11, 2000.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan offices, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at Gooderham, Ontario this 15th day of February, 2000.

GLEN MADILL,
CLERK-TREASURER

The County of Haliburton
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LOAD RESTRICTIONS

As per By-Law #2147, County Road #1 to 20, 503, 507, 648 South (Dyno Mine) excluding County Road #10 and #39, shall be posted and enforced for five tonne per axle load restrictions as soon as conditions warrant and signs have been erected.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

Planning Act, 1990, C.P. 13, 45 (5) R.S.O. 1990 Reg. 200/96

TOWNSHIP OF GLAMORGAN
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

APPLICATION BY: William Lehman
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: PART OF LOT 30, Part 11, on Registered Plan No. 399, CONCESSION 7, Township of Glamorgan.

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:
a) To allow for an addition, 16 feet by 28 feet, to an existing cottage.
b) To allow a reduced setback from the side lot line from 20 feet to 15 feet (a variance of 5 feet).
c) To allow a reduced front setback from 66 feet to 60 feet. (a variance of 6 feet).

Further take NOTICE that an application under the above file number will be heard by the Committee of Adjustment on the date, and at the time and place shown below.

DATE: March 14, 2000 **TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

PLACE AND ADDRESS: TOWNSHIP OF GLAMORGAN MUNICIPAL OFFICE, BOX 70, GOODERHAM, ONTARIO K0M 1R0

PUBLIC HEARING – You are entitled to attend this public hearing in person to express your views about this application or you may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you are aware of any person interested in or affected by this application who has not received a copy of this notice you are requested to inform that person of this hearing. If you wish to make written comments on this application they may be forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the committee at the address shown below.

FAILURE TO ATTEND HEARING – If you do not attend at the hearing it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

NOTICE OF DECISION – A copy of the decision of the committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2000.

Committee of Adjustment
Glen Madill, Secretary-Treasurer

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In addition to the above, the successful applicant will be involved in developing and maintaining a computerized inventory management system, intended to evolve into a G.I.S. for use by all County and Township operations.

QUALIFICATIONS:
A Certified Engineering Technologist with 5-7 years of direct experience in the design and construction of municipal roads and bridges (or equivalent alternate combination of education and experience).
Proven ability to supervise and motivate staff within the organization is absolutely essential, as is the ability to effectively communicate with elected representatives, provincial staff, contractors and the public.
Will have significant experience in preparation and administration of consultant agreements and construction contracts. Will also have experience with AutoCad drafting/design software and techniques.
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The position will be on a 40 hour work week with an annual salary of $48,644 and a comprehensive benefits package.
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Pancake dinner a start to Lent

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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Next week on Tuesday, March 7, plan an evening out at the Wilberforce Heritage Guild's Pancake Supper, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at LWMC. This celebration of Shrove Tuesday, the last day before the 40 days of Lent may not be a Mardi Gras, but the pancakes will be good, the sausages will be plentiful and a variety of sauces (including maple syrup) will be served. Special pancakes will be available again! The supper is a fundraiser for the Guild's Book Project – the end is in sight.

World Day of Prayer service in this area is at Wilberforce United Church on Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m. All local churches participate.Practices for "Alice", the Loop Troupe's spring production, are going well. Costumes being created by Gill Stephen are amazing. Only a month left to get the lines down pat and to put the finishing touches on the play being staged March 31 and April 1.

The Ladies "Millennium" Valentine Bonspiel was played at the Monmouth Club with eight teams entered from Minden, Fenelon Falls and Wilberforce. Sponsored by Curry Motors, Haliburton Lumber and Ontario Hardwood Products, the teams played a six-end game on Friday evening, February 11 and two eight-end games the next day.

This bonspiel pampers the women, with men from the club serving, entertaining and providing a delicious dinner.

First place team from the Wilberforce (Monmouth) Club were: skip Ann Meharrie, third Myrtle Weedmark, second Kim Covert, lead Lynn Dunford.

Second place was the Minden team of Melanie Vigrass, skip, Lynda Easton, third, Theresa Verrier, second and Sue Wright, lead.

Third spot also went to a Wilberforce team skipped by Roberta Walsh with Kathy Rogers, third, Marlene Niles, second, and Sally Stirling, lead.

Convenor Don Fleming reports a good time was had by all with lots of laughs and some great Valentine costumes.

The Games Day planned for Heritage Week at the Outpost Museum on Thursday, February 17 was moved over to the local B & B (furnace is fixed). Winners of Court Whist were Gerda Goverde, Ginny Carmichael, Elsie Lewis and Marlene Robertson. In the evening, a small group enjoyed a rousing game of dominoes.

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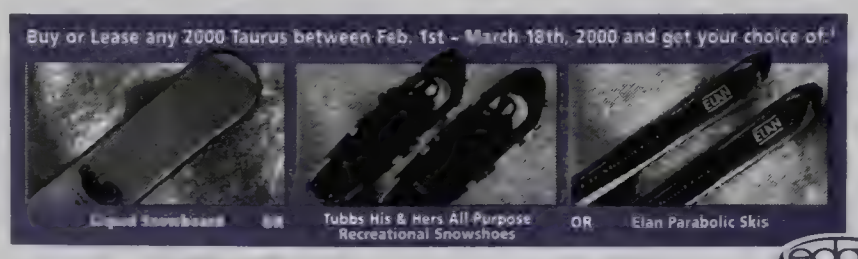

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Potluck's dessert is entertainment by talented musical family

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harcourt

Valerie Smith

449-3640

On February 19, the Harcourt Community Centre hosted a pot luck dinner. We had a great turnout with approximately 40 people in attendance. At this time I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all people who supported our pot luck dinner and brought so many tasty main course dishes and sinfully delicious desserts.

To end this evening we were fortunate to have the opportunity to be entertained by a family who call themselves "Fitz All Sizes". They are the Tony and Judy Fitzgerald family who entertain with their four children. I was fascinated by their multi-talents which ranged from step dancing, singing, to fiddle playing. All six family members together regaled us with the liveliest of fiddle tunes. Mother Judy's and daughter Megan's "Roaring Twenties" step dance routine had us ready to do the Charleston. Tony's ballads brought back memories to many persons in the audience. I know I do not have and will never possess the stage presence their young six-year-old son has and I will never be as multi-functional at any task as their daughter Megan is on the fiddle. They certainly are family to be admired and respected.

I hope everyone who attended the Fitzgerald performance enjoyed them. We hope to possibly have a repeat of this evening in the fall.

On April 15, we are looking forward to the return of the band we had at our New Year's Eve 2000 evening. Ken Kovach and his band Classic Country will be with us again starting at 9 p.m. following the Wilberforce Curling Club's dinner.

On May 27, we have a really full day planned. Starting at 11 a.m., get your crib partner ready for our 5th Annual Cribbage Tournament. It is only $10 per person with registration at 11 a.m. and tournament start at 12 noon. At 3 p.m. get another $10 out and get ready to sign up for our euchre tournament with start time of 4 p.m. To end this day, at 9 p.m., we have Ken Kovach and his band Classic Country back. Come out for a full day and evening entertainment.

Don't forget there are still some squares left for our Harcourt Mural. Our own local artist, Andy Hillo, will be preparing a mural which will be installed on the wall of the Harcourt Community Centre. We wish through artistic expression to demonstrate the heritage of Harcourt area and show its natural beauty.

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706 BIRTHDAYS

The family of
ANNE McKAY
wish to extend an invitation to friends and relatives to join the celebration of
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80TH BIRTHDAY
March 4, 7 p.m. to 12 a.m.
at the Legion
Best wishes only!

708 OBITUARIES

BERTHA ELIZABETH HUGHES
Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home, Minden, on Thursday, February 24, 2000
In her 80th year.
Beloved wife of the late Robert James Hughes. Dear mother of Beth and her husband Dave Titus, Lynn and her husband Wayne Cox, Dana and her husband Warren Mann, Joyce and her husband the late Blake Hughes, and Jill Brown. Loving grandmother of Carol-Ann, Robbie, Amy, Rachel, Meghan, and Orie. Sadly missed by her sisters Lenore Prentice and Bessie Godin. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Friday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday, February 26, 2000 at 11 a.m. Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Reception followed at the Minden United Church (downstairs). Memorial donations to the Hyland Crest Donation Fund (Re: X'N Flex Machine) would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

JOHNSON,
Reverend Gerald Cecil
Passed away at the St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, as a result of an accident, on Monday, February 28, 2000
In his 67th year.
Beloved husband of Diana of Maple Lake. Loving father of Michele and her husband Tom Journeaux of Airport Rd., Stanhope Township, Peggy Johnson of Toronto, Kevin Johnson of Camarvon, Teri Johnson (nee Dillon) of Bolsover and predeceased by his son Patrick Johnson. Loving pappa of Kala, Saba, Seanna, Dillon, and predeceased by his granddaughter Brianna. Dear brother of William Johnson of Toronto. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden (1-888-588-5777) from 7-9 p.m. Thursday and from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Friday. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton for Funeral Service on Saturday, March 4, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow at the church (downstairs). Spring interment at St. Peter's Cemetery, Maple Lake. Memorial donations to the 4C's (Food Bank) would be appreciated by the family.
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710 LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
This will serve as notice to the following persons, that they have unclaimed merchandise at Halco Electronics/Radio Shack, Highway 121, Haliburton, 705-457-1590. If not claimed by March 10, 2000, merchandise will be sold/disposed of at our discretion: Peter Walden, Allan Vaughan, Don McKindsey, Ken McClennan, Raymond Woods, John Flynn.
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710 LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
in the matter of The Estate of Frances Margaret Woods deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of the Frances Margaret Woods, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of February, 2000, are hereby given notice to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of March, 2000, after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 22nd day of February, 2000, by Darren V. Woods and Victor J. Woods, Executors in and for the Estate of Frances Margaret Woods.
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712 CARDS OF THANKS

MANY THANKS to the doctors, nurses and hospital staff; ambulance - Pat Kennedy and Mark Schell; Pastor Brian; Home Support Life Saving Services and wonderful helpers, and our supportive family. Chuck and I appreciate it. Thank you, **Chuck and Isobel Perrott.**

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THE FAMILY OF the late Rosealeen Haywood wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our relatives, friends and neighbours for all the food, visits, flowers and kindness in our time of sorrow. Special thanks to Dr. Heyes and the nurses of Haliburton Hospital. Also, to Monk's Funeral Home, especially Barry for helping us through a very difficult time. Thank you to Don Headworth and Phil Nichols for the words of hope for our loved one. Also, to the ladies of the Gooderham Community Centre for the lovely lunch. Thank you, **the family of the late Rosealeen Haywood.**

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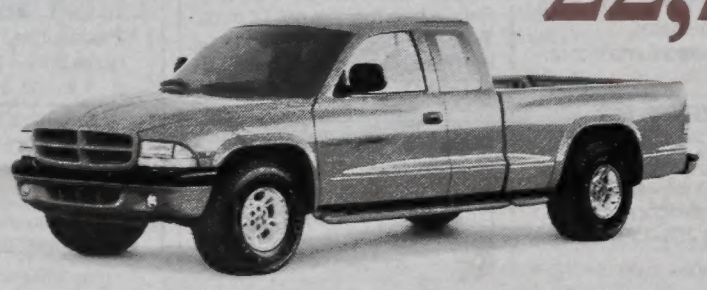

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